

Outline


- HIPAA/HI TECH – Impact on Behavioral Health Providers
- Confidentiality of Behavioral Health Records
- The Duty to Warn in Virginia
- Balance the Rights of Minors and Parents
- Professional Ethics & Boundary Issues
- Respond to Police Inquiries, Attorney Questions, and Subpoenas
- Emergency Custody Orders, Temporary Detention Orders, and Involuntary Commitments in Virginia

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Objectives

1. Establish practices for ensuring HIPAA compliance to protect client’s privacy and minimize risk of litigation.
2. Designate the treatment provider’s responsibilities relating to mental health issues and duty to warn law in Virginia.
3. Explore the legal and ethical considerations for the treatment of minor populations in Virginia with regard to age of consent, confidentiality and custody concerns.
4. Develop policies on issues such as boundaries, seclusions and informed consent.
5. Compare the different requirements for responding to police inquiries, subpoenas and court orders for mental health records.
6. Differentiate between the processes for voluntary and involuntary commitment for treatment and determine the clinician’s role in each.

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